

# COUNCIL BRIEFS

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December 18, 2015

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**West Hartford Senior Center helps the South Park Inn:** Personal items were collected for South Park Inn during the month of November. Senior Center Director Gina Marino said the community response to the collection was amazing. We were thrilled to present Dick Lusso, Volunteer Coordinator of South Park Inn, with over 2,300 cubic feet of personal items and handmade scarves, hats and blankets on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The senior center plans to continue collecting items for South Park Inn throughout the year. To learn more about the services offered to help homeless people in Hartford, visit [www.southparkinn.org](http://www.southparkinn.org).

**Susan R. Block remembered and thanked:** Staff and friends of Westmoor Park were saddened to hear of the passing of a longtime friend and supporter of the park, Susan R. Block, in October. Susan's involvement with Westmoor Park began more than 25 years ago, when she funded the purchase of a donkey for the farm. Last winter, that donkey, our beloved Sassafra, passed away. Susan didn't hesitate to help again. In February, we welcomed Olive and Peaches, a mother and daughter pair into Westmoor's herd, thanks to Susan's generosity. Susan Block's final gift to Westmoor Park came in the form of a sizable donation as a beneficiary in her Last Will and Testament. After conferring with Susan's family, this sum may be used for a special project at the park. Westmoor Park will miss Susan, a true friend.

**Westmoor Park welcomes Holly:** Westmoor Park recently welcomed Holly, the 1½ year old Dutch Belted Heifer. Holly is a dairy breed that was purchased from the Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, CT. The Sisters at the Abbey have a small herd of these cows that they raise for milk and cheese making. In June, there will be another because Holly will give birth to a new calf.

**Not too late to get your Flu Shot:** The West Hartford Bloomfield Health Departments reminds everyone that it is not too late to get a flu vaccination to protect you and your family from getting sick with the flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu.

Check with your health care provider or call the Health District at 860-561-7900 to schedule a flu vaccination. The Health District can vaccinate anyone over the age of 4yrs of age and accepts Medicare part B; Anthem BC/BS; Aetna; Connecticare; Husky A and Husky B.

**Trash Delay:** This year the Christmas and New Year holidays fall on a Friday. The collection of trash, recyclables and bulky and metal waste during these weeks will be delayed one day only in the Friday collection area. Collection will occur on Saturday, December 26, 2015 and Saturday, January 2, 2016. Monday through Thursday collections will take place on their normal days. Please check the [Paine's Inc. website](http://Paine's Inc. website), or call (860) 844-3000 with any questions.

## **Holiday Closings**

- Town Hall, School Administration Offices and recreation facilities will be closed on Friday, December 25.
- All three public libraries will close early at 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 24. All libraries will be closed Friday, December 25 and Sunday, December 27.
- West Hartford Public Schools will be closed from Thursday, December 24 to Friday, January 1. Students return to school on Monday, January 4, 2016.

Happy Holidays!

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